

## Damage Prevention Subcommittee Report “Pipeline Safety Week”

### Actions Planned:

1. Talk with key players in Whatcom County, including:
  - a. Association of General Contractors
  - b. Utility Advisory Committee
  - c. Media representatives (radio and print)
2. Goal is to hold sit-down meetings the 1<sup>st</sup> week of October, 2001. Meetings will include morning tailgate meetings to address:
  - a. RCW 19.122, the dig laws.
  - b. View “Dig Safely” video.
  - c. View “Digging Dangerously 12” video
  - d. Distribute “Call Before You Dig” brochures.
  - e. Review specifics about RCW 19.122 that are often interpreted incorrectly. (E.G. Call 2 business days before working vs. 48 hours).
3. Also conduct lunch or afternoon meetings covering the same information. Evening meetings could include:
  - a. Booth at trade shows or other gatherings.
  - b. Video presentations at evening meetings of interested groups.
  - c. General Q&A.
  - d. Investigate option to make presentations to farmers at Grange meetings.

### Committee Comments/Ideas on Damage Prevention and Education:

1. Remember to look at what others have done and are doing in the same area.
2. Consider including information delivery in the area of “public right to know” as you branch out to public officials. These may include Assoc. of Washington Cities/Counties, emergency response agencies, etc. Also consider rental equipment yards.
3. Develop a plan to get the state-wide 1-Call number in local telephone books.
4. Include consideration of public land-use regulation at the local level that addresses urban development up next to pipelines.
5. Consider improvements to public signage that has a damage prevention message.
6. Consider broadening the message so that a wider representation of the State is covered. Starting in one county is fine, but this information is valuable to all counties in the State, especially those with pipelines.
7. Remember in crafting the message that the idea here to recognize that all parties have a role in damage prevention. This includes the public as well as the companies.

Public comment on damage prevention program development. (R. Kuprewicz)

Four categories of areas to consider are:

- 1) Public Education
- 2) Enforcement for non-responsible diggers
- 3) Management processes, including:
  - a) Pipeline companies and their ROW's
  - b) Government.
- 4) Technology